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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a **non-final** Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002 (Paper No. 9). The response is due on **March 31, 2003**. No fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of these documents the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall Gerstein and Borun account number 13-2855.